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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to self-identified race and ethnicity
2 information collected with an application for a driver's
3 license or nonoperator's identification card.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 321.182A Application for driver's
2 license or nonoperator's identification card — race and
3 ethnicity.

4 1. The department shall request that a person who applies
5 for a driver's license or nonoperator's identification
6 card or for renewal of a driver's license or nonoperator's
7 identification card disclose and specify the person's race or
8 ethnicity, each of which may be disclosed and specified to the
9 department at the person's discretion.

10 2. Prior to January 15, 2025, and prior to January 15 of
11 each year thereafter, the department shall submit a report
12 to the general assembly detailing the number of driver's
13 license and nonoperator's identification card holders who
14 have disclosed and specified a race or ethnicity pursuant to
15 subsection 1.

16 3. The department shall electronically maintain as part
17 of a person's record, and in the machine-readable portion of
18 the driver's license or nonoperator's identification card,
19 race and ethnicity information obtained by the department, but
20 shall not include such information on the face of the person's
21 driver's license or nonoperator's identification card. Race
22 and ethnicity information collected by the department shall
23 be accessible by an officer or employee of a law enforcement
24 agency for use in carrying out the agency's functions as
25 permitted by law, but shall be considered confidential
26 information and is not a public record or otherwise subject
27 to disclosure under chapter 22. The department shall not
28 otherwise release race and ethnicity information collected
29 under this section except to any of the following:

30 a. The justice advisory board established in section
31 216A.132.

32 b. The state court administrator for use in carrying out the
33 administrator's functions as permitted by law.

34 c. The division of criminal and juvenile justice planning of
35 the department of human rights for use in research activities

1 and in producing statistical reports and analysis as permitted
2 by law.

3 4. For the collection of race and ethnicity information
4 pursuant to this section, the department shall follow, to
5 the extent practicable, the race and ethnicity categories,
6 descriptors, and standards utilized by the United States census
7 bureau.

8 5. The department may adopt rules to administer this
9 section.

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EXPLANATION

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The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill relates to self-identified race and ethnicity
14 information collected with an application for a driver's
15 license or nonoperator's identification card.

16 The bill provides that a person applying for a driver's
17 license or a nonoperator's identification card will be
18 requested by the department of transportation to specify the
19 person's race or ethnicity. The bill requires the department
20 to make an annual report to the general assembly regarding
21 the number of persons who have disclosed and specified a race
22 or ethnicity. Race and ethnicity information shall only be
23 released to a law enforcement officer, an employee of a law
24 enforcement agency, the justice advisory board, the state
25 court administrator, and the division of criminal and juvenile
26 justice planning of the department of human rights.